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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the power tariff charged by the public/private sector thermal/Hydel power generation companies during each of the last three years and the current year along with the profit earned by the said companies, company-wise;

(b) the details of the rates at which electricity is being sold to the big power consumers by these companies;

(c) whether some of the power generation companies have more than doubled the power tariffs during the recent year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the mechanism in place for regulating power tariff?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR POWER,
COAL, NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY AND MINES

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (d) : As per Section 79(1)(a) of the Electricity Act, 2003, the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) is mandated to regulate tariff of generating companies owned or controlled by the Central Government and the generating companies, having composite scheme of generation and sale in more than one state. As per Section 86 of the Act, tariff for retail sale of electricity for different consumer categories is determined by the State Electricity Regulatory Commission (SERC) / Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission (JERC).

The guiding principles for determination of tariff are provided in sections 61, 62, 63 and 64 of the Electricity Act, 2003. One of the guiding principles for tariff determination, as stipulated in section 61 of the Act, is safeguarding of consumers' interest and at the same time, recovery of the cost of electricity in a reasonable manner.

The details of tariff, as determined by the CERC, during 2013-14, 2014-15 & 2015-16 is provided as Annexure-I, II & III respectively.

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